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REDS HOLD ALL WEST GERMAN CENTRES

LAWS TO END RENT GOUGING ARE ASSURED OF PASSAGE AS ALBANY HEARINGS BEGIN

Sweet Promises to Back Measures, Despite Defection of Vice Chairman.

LAGUARDIA LEADS FIGHT

Predicts Radical Control of Legislature if Bills Are Defeated.

By Joseph S. Jordan.
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 23.—That there was going to be a fight at the hearing of the anti-rent-profiteering bills was evident long before the session of the legislative hearing was called by Chairman C. C. Lockwood at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Assemblyman Thomas A. McWhinney of Nassau County had declared himself earlier in the day as the leader of the revolt against the proposed legislation. Mr. McWhinney is the Vice Chairman of the Housing Committee of both Houses, which has been working on the problem for the last year and a half.

How many of the promised 1,800 tenants, landlords and real estate owners are on the ground it is impossible to estimate. They have been coming all morning on special trains, on regular trains, on locals and fast express trains. But there were enough of them here when the hearing was called to order to jam the Assembly Chamber and give it the atmosphere of summer instead of the building spring.

Notwithstanding the McWhinney opposition, the measures settled upon by the Conference Committee are destined to be written into the statute books of the State. It is the announced program of the conference and the rest of the members of the conference are a unit on it.

Senator Lockwood announced at the start that the reports of any difference between him and Speaker Sweet were untrue. He declared that the Speaker had been consulted on all the measures and that not one of them had been adopted without his sanction and indorsement.

Representatives of the real estate men opposed all the proposed bills, with the exception of that granting exemption from the income tax on mortgages up to \$10,000. All were against the restriction on eviction and wanted the policy of ejectment moderated.

Rent payers agreed on the journey that Fierello La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, should open their case for them, supported by former Judge John J. Boyle Jr. of

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THE WORLD

FIRST "GIRL-LESS" TELEPHONES HERE BY MID-APRIL

Bell Company to Install One Automatic Exchange and Steadily Add More.

Automatic telephone exchanges will be in use in the Pennsylvania exchange of the Bell Telephone Company at No. 204-206 West 26th Street by April 15. Other new exchange buildings are being erected in which they will be installed by the latter part of summer or early autumn.

While the mechanism of the new telephone instrument may be complicated, it will be simple subscribers to work it. On the flat round base upon which it stands there is a dial on which are the names of all the exchanges in the city and the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 0. There is a revolving lever by which any one can make any desired connection.

For instance, suppose you wished to call The Evening World at Beekman 4000. You would turn the lever to the Beekman Exchange and press it down; then around to the digit four, press again and then move it to zero and press three times. If the line was not busy your connection would be made and the bell would continue to ring until an answer was secured.

Gradually the new method will extend to all parts of the city, but it was stated at the offices of the Bell Telephone Company to-day it would be several years before it would be in working order.

The new system will not mean the discharge of any girl operators, because its installation will be so gradual.

"We will need girls just as we have in the past," said the head of the telephone's publicity department. "And besides, to spread reports that we would not need girls any more would destroy the morale of those we are training or already have in service."

"Of course in several years, I suppose we will have only the automatic system, but that is so remote none of our operators need fear losing their positions on account of it."

One of the difficulties confronting the telephone company is the co-ordination of the two systems of operation—human and automatic. Its plans are not yet quite complete.

HEARING NEXT WEEK ON ALL BEER BILLS

Pending Measures to Be Taken Up At One Time in Albany On Tuesday.

ALBANY, March 23.—A joint hearing on all beer and light wines bills pending in the Legislature will be held next Tuesday at 10 A. M. it was announced to-day.

The Walker and Gillet bills, which have been introduced in both houses, are among those which will be considered.

WIFE BEATER BEATEN.

Coast Has Him Lashed With Same Buckle He Used.

AKRON, Ohio, March 23.—George Kelley probably knows what his wife suffered when he beat her with a heavy leather belt. On order of Judge Pardo, a court officer to-day stripped Kelley's back of clothing and applied a series of lashes with the buckle end of the same belt with which the wife had been beaten.

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GANG ROUNDED UP SAID TO CONFESS BROOKLYN ROBBERY

Seven Seized After Exciting Chase in Autos Across Bridge.

TWO WOMEN ARE HELD

Victims of Holdups Identify Some of Men Arrested, Police Declare.

With the arrest of seven men and two women the police of Brooklyn believe they have broken up the gang responsible for a number of holdups and robberies in that borough within the last two weeks.

Two of the men have been identified by William T. Blair, a druggist, as members of a quartet which entered his place of business at Bedford Avenue and Park Place Sunday night, while the street was thronged, and robbed him of \$80 in cash and \$700 worth of jewelry.

Six of the men were arrested after a sensational chase by detectives in an automobile across Williamsburg Bridge early this morning. The police had learned of the movements of the gang through a letter to one of the girls from a former member now said to be serving a prison term in the Baltimore jail.

Detectives trailed the gang over to Cherry and Scammel Streets, Manhattan, last night. At Clinton and Delancey streets another member of the band was picked up and the gang then started for Brooklyn, where, as it was afterward learned, they planned to hold up a drug store in Flatbush.

On the way over the bridge the gang, riding in a limousine, became aware of the pursuers and put on more speed. At the Brooklyn end of the bridge a traffic policeman warned them to slow down and they obeyed. Waiting detectives jumped into the machine, placed its occupants under arrest and forced the driver to take all to the Clymer Street Station.

Later they were taken to Police Headquarters, where Acting Captain of Detectives John Coughlin, Deputy Police Commissioner Leach and Inspector Thomas Murphy questioned them. The police say all the men confessed to having been implicated in robberies and holdups in Brooklyn.

Among the victims who confronted them and identified members of the gang were Dr. Albert Martin, a dentist of No. 3111 Glenwood avenue, Flatbush, robbed last Friday evening of a gold watch and \$5 in cash, and Max Frank, No. 435 Myrtle avenue. On March 19 two men entered Frank's store and started to hold

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DEMANDS INQUIRY INTO GASOLINE COST

Four Price Increases in Month and Huge Profits Under Fire in Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—An investigation of the high price of gasoline was demanded in a resolution introduced in the House to-day by Representative Dyer, Missouri. The probe would be conducted by the Attorney General and would also go into oil prices.

Four increases in the price of gasoline have been made during the last thirty days and huge profits are being made by the oil interests, Dyer charged. He plans to ask early action on the resolution.

When in doubt—see "Wedding Bell," column 2, March 23.

WORLD RESTAURANT.
Special for today (Tuesday), March 23, 1920:
Lobster Salad, French Fried Potatoes, Hot Tuna Steak, Rice, French Beans, Apple Sauce, Coffee, etc., each \$1.00. World Hotel—Adm.

CHAMPION CARPENTIER HERE, PROUDER OF WIFE THAN TITLE; AND, VOILA! HE SETS A FASHION

(Photographed especially for The Evening World on La Saviole to-day.)



Frenchman Brings Mottled Collar That Might Stagger Dempsey Without a Blow.

Georges Carpentier, pugilist and soldier, accompanied by the bride he married the day before he sailed from France, walked down the gangplank of La Saviole on her arrival at her pier this morning after an overnight delay at Quarantine. Tex Rickard, Jack Curley and other persons whose names appear frequently in the sporting columns were privileged to get inside the customs lines to meet him.

Outside the lines was a large and enthusiastic gathering of persons who anticipate with joy a day when Mr. Carpentier and Jack Dempsey will mail each other with such science and force as each can best command. They raised a cheer when the big, blue-eyed blond Frenchman came into their view and Carpentier acknowledged the compliment with a very French and very gay salute and a bow.

Mme. Carpentier, a blonde of much the same type as her husband, was not hard to look at. It was obvious that her husband approved the general verdict to this effect. While a swarm of pugilistic enthusiasts and mere reporters were struggling to get answers to questions about his plans, opinions and past performances, big Georges looked into his wife's eyes and laughed. She laughed right back at him.

"Ah," he protested to the interpreter, "All these questions, they regard only a boxer; they are of mere money and of contracts. Ask them, I pray, whether they do not think they should

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PUBLIC WILL PAY \$200,000,000 WAGE RAISE TO MINERS

President Removes All Restrictions So Operators May Increase Prices.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Government control over the maximum price of bituminous coal was withdrawn to-day by President Wilson, effective April 1.

At the same time the President wrote the operators and miners, transmitting the majority report of the Coal Wage Scale Commission and informing them that this report was "the basis upon which the wage schedule agreements between the mine workers and operator shall be made."

April 1 is the date on which these agreements normally would become effective and by removing Government control of prices effective that day the President paves the way for increased coal prices to absorb the average 27 per cent. increase recommended in the majority report.

The Executive order removes virtually all Government control of coal. The majority report of the Wage Scale Commission said the 27 per cent. increase absorbed the 14 per cent. increase allowed when the miners returned to work, and that in dollars it would approximate \$200,000,000 a year.

In refusing the demand of the miners for a thirty-hour week, the majority of the commission said that if the work day were shortened by one hour it would be equivalent to an additional cost of more than \$100,000,000.

THREE-STORY SLIDE DOWN CABLE SAVES WOMAN FROM FIRE

Daring Rescues Made of Five Others in Burning East 95th Street House.

CHILDREN CARRIED OUT.

Tenants, Routed From Sleep, are Taken Down Ladders by Firemen.

Mrs. Emma Bucher, No. 134 East 95th Street, third floor rear, was roused by the crackle of flames and the shouts of firemen soon after 7 o'clock this morning.

When she opened the stairway door the flames, which had swept up from the basement, rushed into her room. A new draft was created when she left the door open and opened a window. The fire rushed through the room so fast that Mrs. Bucher was burned slightly before she could climb to the window sill.

There was no ladder there. The firemen were all at work in the front part of the building. But there was a cable filled with electric wires. It was fastened to the wall and led down to the back yard. Mrs. Bucher caught the cable and did so quick a slide that her hands were badly burned and torn. Otherwise she was not hurt.

The building is a three-story rooming house and the fire started in the basement before the tenants were out of bed. Mrs. Rose De Mott, who occupied the front basement with her three-year-old son, was first to smell the smoke. She roused Mrs. Anna Taylor, rear basement, and the two ran past the fire to the street.

Dr. F. Avron and John Del Mott, who occupied the first floor, got out by way of the front window before the fire apparatus arrived.

In the second floor front apartment was Mrs. Alexander Scolay with her two little daughters, Cornelia and Constance. Mrs. Scolay opened her door, slammed it shut to keep the fire out, then went calmly to the window to wait for help. It came promptly. Capt. Brady of Hook and Ladder No. 13 ordered up a ladder and Fireman O'Sullivan and Deegan mounted. They took the children down first, then the mother.

Another ladder was put up the third floor front to rescue Mr. and Mrs. Louis Koesek. Firemen Rodecker and Roach brought them down.

The building was so badly damaged that it is no longer habitable. The damage is estimated at \$5,000.

FUMES OVERCOME 16 AT FACTORY BLAZE

Poisoned fumes of mysterious character put parts of several fire companies out of commission early to-day during a \$50,000 blaze on the second floor of the six-story factory building at the northwest corner of Mott and Broome Streets. The noxious gases had a depressing effect on the heart, and sixteen firemen are in bed, two in St. Vincent's Hospital.

The two whose condition became so serious they were taken to St. Vincent's are Capt. John Grave, Engine Co. No. 30, and John Costello of Engine No. 30.

The fire was in the cigar and leaf tobacco factory of Ponzio Brothers. The disabled firemen, in addition to the two taken to the hospital, are: Engine Company No. 15, Capt. John Brennan, Frank Shields, Nicholas O'Brien, Matthew Savine, William Kriger, Louis Chanton and John O'Toole; Engine Company No. 17, Lieut. Harry Hawke, Frank McGuinness, Daniel Paff, John Hufnagel, James Gaffney and Michael Brosnan; Engine Company No. 30, Patrick Hagen.

Anderson Challenges Gillet to Debate.

ALBANY, March 24.—William H. Anderson to-day challenged Col. Hanson H. Gillet, Republican Member of Assembly from Columbia, to a joint debate, "before his own people." Col. Gillet said: "Let him come around next fall when there will be something to talk about."

A Guard of Embroideries will serve 12 persons. Nature's Spring Trade—Adm.

EBERT TROOPS OUTFLANKED IN FIGHTING NEAR WESEL; HUNDREDS MORE ARE SLAIN

Reds Claim Capture of 700 Government Troops at Elberfeld—Hospitals Crowded With Wounded—Tanks and Machine Guns Used.

AIX-LA-CHAPELLE, RHENISH PRUSSIA, March 23.—Another battle is reported to be going on between Spartans and troops of the regular army at Wesel, twenty-two miles northwest of Essen. The regulars, the report says, appear to have been outflanked by the Spartans.

A detachment of Uhlans was surprised Monday between Dusseldorf and Duisburg, southwest of Essen. The officers and young soldiers of the detachment were shot as enemies of the working classes, according to a wounded Uhlman who was rescued by a Belgian post.

BERNE, March 23.—More than 300 persons have been killed in the fighting at Elberfeld, in the Ruhr region near the occupied zone, and in the neighborhood of that city, according to to-day's advices. The Communists took about 500 of the Reichswehr prisoner at Elberfeld, and 200 additional at another point.

The despatches bear out previous reports that nearly the entire industrial district of Westphalia is in the hands of the Communists, although fighting is continuing in some places. Fresh estimates of the Communist forces place them at from 70,000 to 100,000.

Famine is declared to be threatening Bochum, Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Essen and Elberfeld, because the peasants are refusing to deliver food to the Communists. Encounters already have occurred between peasants and patrols of Communists which were out in the country requisitioning supplies.

The hospitals at Elberfeld are full of wounded soldiers and civilians as the result of the fighting in that neighborhood.

Fifty persons were killed and seventy-five wounded in fighting at Hennesdorf between Spartans and soldiers. Tanks and machine guns were employed. The soldiers were repulsed at first, but they attacked again with support of an armored train and eventually put the Spartans to rout.

BERLIN, March 23.—Heavy fighting between regular troops and insurgents occurred yesterday north of Spandau. Strong bands equipped with machine guns, which had plundered the village of Boetzow, encountered a company of regulars near Hennesdorf, and the latter were obliged to retire temporarily owing to their inferiority in numbers. Arrival of reinforcements was the signal for a systematic attack, with artillery preparation, and violent house-to-house fighting ensued. Government troops have occupied the bridges across the Havel River near Spandau.

LONDON, March 23.—Government troops are concentrating near Wesel, says a Rotterdam despatch to the London Times. The Communists are mobilizing after the method of the Russians, with great speed, and it is impossible to prophesy the issue of the coming battle or when it will be fought. The Communists are hampered by a lack of food. Essen is now menaced by famine.

The Communist Councils in Saxony have begun to divide the large estates there, it is reported in a Berlin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company to-day.

The proposal put before Gustav Bauer, the German Premier, for the formation of a Labor Government for Germany, excluding the bourgeois parties, was advanced by the Independent Socialists, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Berlin reports.

"The majority of the people would

REPEAL OF STATE DAYLIGHT SAVING BEATEN AT ALBANY

Assembly Refuses, 70 to 64, to Pass Betts Measures to Prevent Change.

ALBANY, March 23.—The Assembly to-day defeated the Betts bill, designed to repeal the Daylight Saving law. The vote was 70 for and 64 against, and 76 votes are a majority.

The Democrats voted almost as a unit against the measure, while Republicans from New York and several of the up-State cities lined up with the opposition forces. Speaker T. C. Sweet voted for the bill.

When the result was announced Assemblyman Betts moved that the vote by which the bill was lost be reconsidered.

The present State law provides that the clocks shall be turned ahead one hour next Sunday morning. A bill similar to the Betts bill is on the order of final passage in the Senate and may be reached to-morrow.

FRANCE TO GIVE UP DEAD U. S. SOLDIERS

Commission Works Out Plans for Bringing Home Bodies of Heroes.